

# Jaycees' Community Fair Opens Wednesday

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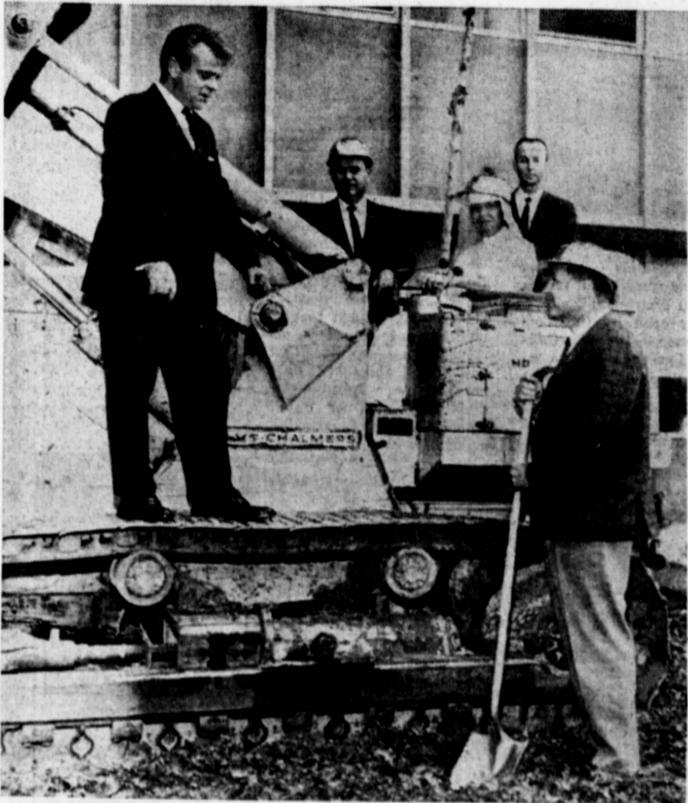
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WATCH OUT . . . Sister M. Magdalen, administrator at Little Company of Mary Hospital, prepares to bulldoze her way through the grounds of the hospital as construction gets under way on an expansion and renovation program. New administrative offices and expanded outpatient facilities are under construction at the hospital. Clearing the way for Sister Magdalen are (from left) Frank Scall, administrative assistant; John Spalding, M.D.; Richard Clatworth, the architect; and Ed McPherson, contractor for the \$750,000 project.

(Press-Herald Photo)

## Freeway Hearing Set Tomorrow by Planners

### Commission Will Meet at Torrance High

The first of two hearings on the route of the proposed Torrance Freeway will be conducted by the city tomorrow at Torrance High School.

The session, to be conducted by the city's Planning Commission, is scheduled for 7 p.m. in the auditorium at Torrance High School, 2200 W. Carson St.

The hearing was ordered by the City Council Sept. 10 after an earlier commission decision endorsing a "blue-yellow" route was ruled "invalid."

AT ONE point in Wednesday's session, Hall was virtually shouted down by residents who said they didn't want a freeway or the smog which goes with it.

"Freeways don't produce smog," Hall told the group. "The cars on the freeways do. You have cars in the South Bay and you don't have smog."

"And we don't want any," residents shouted.

More than 150 persons attended the Wednesday study session.

THE COUNCIL will hold its own hearing Thursday, Oct. 3, at 7 p.m. That session also will be held at Torrance High School.

At issue is a freeway which will connect the San Diego Freeway and a route already adopted for the Pacific Coast Freeway near Anaheim Street and Vermont Avenue.

At a special "study session" of the Lomita City Council Wednesday, residents of that city questioned the need for a freeway through the Torrance-South Bay area.

AS A RESULT of that session, the Lomita Council has before it a resolution opposing any freeway through the city. Action on the resolution was delayed, however, until the council holds a formal public hearing Tuesday, Oct. 1.

Vern Hall, a representative of the State Division of Highways, told residents of Lomita the freeway is needed here. He said final selection is up to the highway division, once the California Highway Commission has acted on the general route.

The Division of Highways will hold a public hearing Thursday, Oct. 10, at 10 a.m. That session will be held at Torrance High School.

### Newspapers Name New President

Glenn W. Pfeil, publisher of the Press-Herald, has been elected president and publisher of Rogers & McDonald Publishers, Inc., parent company of the Press-Herald.

Mrs. Mayme L. McDonald was named chairman of the board by directors of the corporation.

At the same time, the board announced the appointment of Reid L. Bundy as vice president and co-publisher of the firm's Press-Herald Group.

Three other vice presidents were appointed by the board. They include M. F. Yurechko, vice president and co-publisher of the News-Advertiser Group headquartered in Inglewood; J. D. Cox, vice president and controller of the corporation; and John C. Hedlund, vice president and general manager of California Offset Printers.

Other corporate officers are Kathleen W. Caballero, secretary and treasurer; W. E. McDonald, assistant secretary; and Greg McDonald, assistant treasurer.



SWEARING IN . . . Judge Thomas P. Foye (left) takes his oath of office from recently-retired Judge Donald Armstrong during enrobing ceremonies Friday in South Bay Municipal Court. Judge Foye, newly appointed to the municipal court, replaces Judge Armstrong on the bench. Following the ceremonies, some 200 wellwishers gathered at the Plush Horse Restaurant for a testimonial luncheon honoring Judge Foye. The event was co-sponsored by the Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce and the South Bay Bar Association. (Press-Herald Photo)

## Proposition 9

### Tax Issue Rated 'Serious Threat'

California voters face one of the most important decisions in many years this November, members of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce were told Thursday.

At issue is the so-called Watson Initiative — Proposition 9 — which would restrict the property taxes in California to 1 per cent of the "fair market value" of the property being taxed.

The initiative constitutional amendment, qualified for the ballot during a seven-week petition drive headed by Los Angeles County Assessor Phillip E. Watson, also would limit the bonding capacity of various taxing agencies to 5 per cent

of the district's assessed valuation.

A THIRD part of the proposition would, during a five-year period, require the state to assume the obligations of financing welfare and education. Property tax revenues could not be used for either area if Proposition 9 passes.

Debating the effects of Proposition 9 after the Chamber luncheon were Fred Kimball, director of volunteer headquarters for the "Yes on Proposition 9 Committee," and Urban J. Schreiner, an attorney and member of the law firm of O'Melveny and Meyers. The firm specializes in municipal

finance and bonding issues.

Kimball said the initiative is designed to reduce the property tax rates in California by 50 per cent in five years and at the same time restrict the financing of services to "property related services." He noted such restrictions would mean property tax revenues could be used only for local government.

EDUCATION and welfare which Kimball described as "people-related" services, can be better financed at the state level, he said. Responding to questions about (See DEBATE, Page A-2)

## Extension of School Tax Maximum Sought

Proposition "T" on the ballot at the Nov. 5 general election will call for continuation of the existing tax maximum for the Torrance Unified School District.

Passage of the measure would continue the authorized tax ceiling of \$3.30 for general purpose operating costs for another five-year period. The current maximum tax rate is due to run out next June.

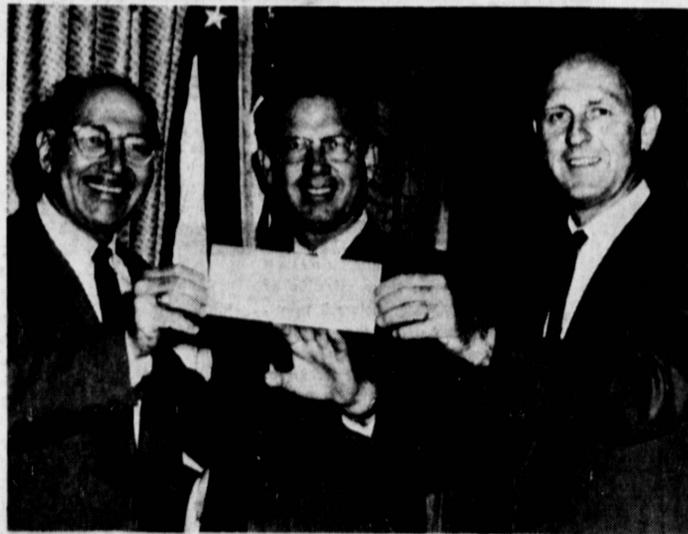
Despite the fact that the board has been in a position to levy a tax rate of \$3.30 for the past five years, they have never gone that high, according to Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools. Currently, the board has levied a \$3.02 tax.

"During the next five years, the board of education will levy only that tax

rate necessary to maintain current educational standards," Dr. Hull stated.

If the renewal is not approved by the voters, the tax ceiling will drop 90 cents to \$2.40. "Were this to happen," Dr. Hull commented, "the school district would be in very serious financial condition with a loss of three million dollars in income. This would seriously impair the quality of the school program."

"Proposition 'T' is of vital importance to quality education in Torrance," the superintendent commented. "It does not call for an increase in taxes; but merely asks for a continuance of existing ceilings so that Torrance schools can maintain the level of education we've had for the past five years."



NO BLANK CHECK . . . It may look blank, but the figures amount to \$100,000 on the check being presented by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn (center) to Mayor Albert Isen (left) and Councilman Ken Miller. The county funds will be used to reconstruct and widen Crenshaw Boulevard between 182nd and 190th streets. A four-lane, divided highway will be provided.

## Torrance Jaycees Set Annual Community Fair

Plans for a Torrance Area Community Fair, scheduled to open Wednesday, have been announced by the Torrance Jaycees.

The fair will run through next Sunday, according to John Dunbar, chairman for the Jaycee project. Hours are 3 p.m. to midnight Wednesday through Friday, noon to midnight Saturday, and noon to 10 p.m. Sunday.

Proceeds from the affair will go to finance such Jaycee projects as a children's eye clinic, a teenage rodeo, a community survey, and the Miss Torrance Pageant, Dunbar said.

A dozen community organizations will sponsor booths at the fair and a carnival midway will be open

throughout the five-day event. Rides will be set up by Monarch Pacific Shows, Inc.

Among groups which will operate booths are the Torrance Civitan Club, Candy Strippers, Girl Scouts, Lomita Jaycees, Torrance Moose Lodge No. 785, Women of the Moose, South Bay TOPS, Torrance Welcome Wagon, Torrance YMCA, Business and Professional Women, and Teen Post 69. The Jaycees also will operate a midway booth.

The fair will take place in the area east of Bullock's Fashion Square.

### Mayor to Speak Monday . . .

Mayor Albert Isen will address members of the North Torrance Property and Homeowners' Association tomorrow at 8 p.m. Isen will discuss some of the current problems which face the city and talk about a review of the city's charter. The group will meet at the Higgins Brickyard, 2217 W. Artesia Blvd.

### Football Season Opens . . .

Three of the five Torrance High Schools scored victories Friday night as the 1968 football season got under way here. Recording wins were West, 22-0 over La Puente; Bishop Montgomery, a 7-0 upset over Mira Costa; and South, which won a 7-6 victory over Marina High School. Torrance was defeated by Redondo, 7-0, and North was trounced by Morningside, 38-0. Details can be found on today's Press-Herald sports page, A-6.

### Burglaries Reported . . .

Two major burglaries were reported to Torrance police Friday. Paul M. St. Miklossy, 28, of 2432 Pacific Coast Hwy., Apt. 205, reported that burglars broke into his carport locker, taking about \$4,000 worth of dental equipment, camping gear, and household items. Burglars also hit the home of George E. Bryant, 57, of 4094 Newton St., disappearing with five jeweled rings valued at more than \$1,200. No suspects have been apprehended.

## Novice Bike Rider Lands In Hospital

A Torrance boy who had never ridden a mini-bike before landed in the hospital with a broken leg Wednesday after he tried to ride his friend's mini-bike around the block.

Nine-year-old Matthew D. Williams, 4702 Reese Road, was rushed to South Bay Hospital when he lost control of the mini-bike, struck the curb, and flew off the vehicle.

The accident occurred at 5:45 p.m. on Evalyn Avenue near 238th Street.